

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (cancelled).

10. (currently amended) An applicator comprising:

a reservoir adapted to contain a fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection wherein the tab has a handle that is external to the pad and further wherein the breakable connection is internal to the pad,

wherein the reservoir comprises a wall which is adapted to flex sufficiently under pressure from an operator's finger to force fluid from the reservoir into the pad, the tab includes a stem attached to the applicator at the breakable connection, the pad includes a channel for slidably receiving the stem wherein the channel is of cross-sectional shape that facilitates closing of the channel once stem is removed therefrom, the tab stem passes through the pad, and the breakable connection is formed of friable material such that the bending of the tab handle relative to the applicator causes breaking of the breakable connection to allow passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad and causes separation of the tab from the applicator.

11. (previously presented) The applicator of claim 10, wherein the channel is oval in cross-section.

12. (previously presented) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable fluid.

13. (previously presented) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable tissue adhesive for surgical applications.

14. (previously presented) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid comprises a cyanoacrylate ester adhesive.

15. (previously presented) The applicator of Claim 10, wherein the fluid comprises butyl or octyl cyanoacrylate, or mixture of butyl and octyl cyanoacrylates.

16. (previously presented) The applicator of Claim 10 wherein the tab handle has a twist-off portion which facilitates breakage of the tab at the breakable connection.

17. (currently amended) A method for applying a fluid onto mammalian skin which method comprises:

a) selecting an applicator comprising:

a reservoir adapted to contain the fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein the tab has a handle that is external to the pad; the breakable connection is internal to the pad; the tab includes a stem attached to the applicator at the breakable connection, the pad includes a channel for slidably receiving the stem wherein the channel is of cross-sectional shape that facilitates closing of the channel once stem is removed therefrom, the tab stem passes through the pad, and wherein breaking of the breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad ;

(b) manipulating the tab thereby breaking the seal formed by the tab and separating the tab from the applicator such that fluid in the reservoir flows into the pad;

c) applying the fluid from the pad onto the skin.

18. (currently amended) A method for applying a fluid onto mammalian skin which method comprises:

a) selecting an applicator comprising:

a reservoir itself comprising a wall which flexes under pressure from an operator's finger and being adapted to contain the fluid;

a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and

a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein the tab has a handle that is external to the pad; the breakable connection is internal to the pad; the tab includes a stem attached to the applicator at the breakable connection, the pad includes a channel

for slidably receiving the stem wherein the channel is of cross-sectional shape that facilitates closing of the channel once stem is removed therefrom, the tab stem passes through the pad, and wherein breaking of the breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the pad;

- b) manipulating the tab thereby breaking the seal formed by the tab and separating the tab from the applicator such that fluid in the reservoir flows into the pad;
- c) applying finger pressure onto the flexible wall of the reservoir to cause it to flex sufficiently to force fluid from the reservoir into the pad; and
- d) applying the fluid from the pad onto the skin.

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